

Burundi AG Joins the Decade of Pentecost



National church President, Rev. Jerome Ndayisaba (right), prays with church leaders.

Amidst social unrest in the country, pastors and leaders of the Burundi Assemblies of God met to make commitments to Africa Assemblies of God “Decade of Pentecost” emphasis.

In spite of huge challenges, the Burundi Assemblies of God (BAF) are determined to move forward in bold faith. About 70 pastors and delegates gathered in the capital city of Bujumbura on November 1-6 for an Acts 1:8 Conference. The conference was conducted on behalf of the church by the Acts in Africa Initiative. For five days the delegates prayed, planned, discussed God’s mission, and committed themselves to reaching the lost and planting Spirit-empowered missionary churches throughout Burundi and beyond. Each day, God graciously poured out His Spirit, and delegates personally experienced the power and presence of God.

In the closing session of the conference, the executive leadership of the church publically read and signed a “Decade of Pentecost Declaration” developed by the delegates during strategy sessions. In the declaration, the 60 or so churches making up the BAF committed themselves to, among other things, seeing 70% of their members baptized in the Holy Spirit by the end of 2020. They also intend to plant 270 local churches and launch a new Bible school by the end of the decade. Through the new school, they hope to train 296 new pastors. To ensure that these plans are carried out, a Decade of Pentecost Commission will be appointed to oversee the implementation of the vision.

— Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative

Burundi Country Profile



Burundi is located in East Africa

Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world with an average per capita income of \$600 per year. Since their twelve-year civil war ended in 2006, a fragile peace has existed in this East African country of just over 11 million residents. The dominant religion in the country is Catholicism, with about 62% of the population belonging to the Catholic church.

Burundi is a densely populated country with a high population growth rate. These factors, combined with land scarcity and poverty, place a large share of the country’s population at risk of food insecurity. About 90% of Burundians rely on subsistence farming for a livelihood. The life expectancy of a Burundian man or woman is just 50 years.

Pray that God will pour out his Spirit on the country of Burundi, and on the Burundi Assemblies of God.

2017 DOP Theme is Announced

The Acts in Africa Initiative has announced the 2017 Decade of Pentecost theme: **“Empowered by the Spirit—We Will Not Stop Proclaiming Christ.”**

The theme is based on the apostle’s words in Act 4:20. When Peter and John were commanded to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and answered, “We cannot keep quiet about what we have seen and heard” (CEV).

As we enter into the seventh year of the Decade of Pentecost emphasis, we will commit ourselves to keep preaching Christ, planting Spirit-empowered missionary churches, and sending missionaries to the unreached peoples and places of Africa and beyond.

To accomplish this, we will continue to call our churches and our members to be filled with the Spirit and committed to God’s mission. *You can download free theme posters and bumper stickers in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish at this link:*

<http://www.decadeofpentecost.org/2017-theme/>. Free theme sermon outlines are also available at the same link.



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